

TRAILS

HELL'S GATE WILDERNESS

There is a network of "system" trails serving the Hell's Gate Wilderness Area and contiguous areas. Their condition varies from satisfactory to very poor.

All trails are closed to motor vehicles and mechanical transport such as bikes.

Use a great deal of caution when traveling on backcountry trails such as this one, and be aware of the risks you assume.

While we do not want to take away the visitor's sense of discovery and adventure, we do feel a few brief comments are in order about the following trail:

Hell's Gate Trail 37: 11 miles in length and which is sometimes challenging. While the hiker faces several moderate to steep climbs on the route to Hell's Gate, the real challenge is getting back out. The trail climbs steadily for the first 1.5 miles to 2 miles leaving Hell's Gate. The last half-mile into Hell's Gate is unsafe for horses. Overnight camps with livestock are strongly discouraged at Hell's Gate.

Elevation: between 3984 feet and 5655 feet.

Termini: **Forest Road 405A and Forest Road 133.**

Be sure to secure your vehicle, and don't leave valuables in sight while you're gone. Also be sure someone knows where you are going.

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